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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: MNUC, PORG, UNSC, SF
SUBJECT: NIGERIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SOUTH
AFRICAN NUCLEAR ACTIVITY

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1. DURING LUNCHEON DISCUSSION ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN
TOPICS APRIL 13, NIGERIAN MISOFF (FISHER) SHOWED
MISOFF (GRAHAM) COPY OF NIGERIAN "ELEMENTS" OF
POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON
SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ACTIVITY. (MISSION BELIEVES

"ELEMENTS" CONSTITUTE "POSITION PAPER" REFERRED TO IN REFTTEL.) THE NIGERIAN MISSION EXPECTS TO PRESENT ITS DRAFT "ELEMENTS" TO THE CONTACT GROUP OF THE AFRICAN GROUP FOR APPROVAL WITHIN A DAY OR TWO.

2. PARAPHRASED, THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF THE NIGERIAN DRAFT "ELEMENTS" WOULD:

- (1) DEMAND THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT REFRAIN FROM ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSION.
- (2) CONDEMN ANY ATTEMPT BY SOUTH AFRICA TO INTORDUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT.
- (3) APPEAL TO ALL STATES TO REFRAIN FROM COOPERATION IN ANY NUCLEAR ACTIVITY WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND TO ENSURE THAT COMPANIES OR INDIVIDUALS UNDER THEIR CONTROL DO LIKEWISE.
- (4) CALL UPON ALL STATES TO END THE TRANSFER TO SOUTH AFRICA OF ANY NUCLEAR MATERIAL OR EXPERTISE WHICH MIGHT ENABLE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO ACHIEVE A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY.
- (5) REQUEST THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PREPARE A REPORT ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND TO THE SECURITY OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION.

3. MISOFF OUTLINED TO FISHER WESTERN RATIONALE
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FOR OPPOSITION TO SECURITY COUNCIL TREATMENT OF THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND HAD NEITHER THE AUTHORITY NOR INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMENT OFFICIALLY ON THE NIGERIAN TEXT, MISOFF DID, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT IT WAS THE THIRD OPERATIVE "ELEMENT" WHICH THE WESTERN NATIONS PROBABLY WOULD HAVE THE MOST DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING. FISHER REPLIED THAT HE HAD A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE WESTERN FIVE IN THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, HIS MISSION HAD FELT IT IMPERATIVE TO ADD THE THIRD OPERATIVE "ELEMENT" IN ORDER TO HAVE ANY CHANCE AT ALL OF GAINING AFRICAN GROUP APPROVAL OF THE OVERALL APPROACH. WITHOUT THE THIRD OPERATIVE "ELEMENT", HE SAID, THE AFRICAN GROUP "WOULD CUT OUR DRAFT TO RIBBONS". MISOFF ACKNOWLEDGED THE EXIGENCIES FACED BY THE NIGERIANS IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE AFRICAN GROUP. WITH REGARD TO THE GHIRD OPERATIVE "ELEMENT", MISOFF SUGGESTED INFORMALLY THAT NIGERIANS CONSIDER A DIFFERENT VERB, FOR EXAMPLE, SUBSTITUTING THE WORD "RECONSIDER" FOR "REFRAIN FROM". FISHER PENCILED IN THIS SUGGESTION ON HIS DRAFT AND PROMISED TO THINK

ABOUT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ALONG THOSE LINES. FISHER PROMISED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH REGARDING AFRICAN GROUP DELIBERATIONS ON THE SUBJECT AND PROMISED TO GIVE MISSOFF COPIES OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AS THEY TOOK FIRMER SHAPE.

4. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES THAT NIGERIAN DRAFT ELEMENTS REFLECT AN HONEST EFFORT ON THE PART OF NIGERIA TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE, PARALLEL WITH THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS LAST FALL WITH RESOLUTION 32/81. STILL, NIGERIANS ARE VERY MUCH FEELING THEIR WAY. THEY ARE LEARNING ABOUT BROADER ASPECTS OF NON-PROLIFERATION AND CLEARLY WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE. THEY CERTAINLY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO ACT

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RESPONSIBLY BUT ON THE OTHER HAND FEEL VERY
VULNERABLE TO EXTREMIST PRESSURES WITHIN THE AFRICAN
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